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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action mailed December 19, 2001, the period for responding having been extended one (1) month, please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application.

The Examiner's non-final Office Action dated December 19, 2001 has been received and its contents carefully noted. Claims 1-7 were pending in the present application of which claims 1 and 6 are independent.

Claims 1 and 4 are Not Anticipated By Aoyama

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Aoyama, U.S. Patent No. 5,933,364 (Aoyama). The Applicants respectfully traverse the § 102 rejection

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